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# A PROCLAMATION,

*Indemnifying such as have been in Arms before the First of June last.*



WILLIAM and MARY, by the Grace of GOD, King and Queen of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith; To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his brethren Heralds, Pursuivants, Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Whereas We did allow John Earl of Bradalbin, to meet with the Highlanders, and others in Arms against Us, and Our Authority, in order to the Reducing of them to Our Obedience, and by a Representation made to Us in their names, We understand their willingness to render themselves in subjection to Our Authority and Laws, humbly asking Pardon for what is past, and Our Assistance for accommodating some Differences and Feuds, which do at present, and have very long troubled these places; And We being satisfied, that nothing can conduce more to the Peace of the Highlands, and Reduce them from Rapine and Arms, to Vertue and Industry, than by taking away of the occasions of these Differences and Feuds, which prevail with them, to neglect the opportunities, to improve and Cultivate their Countrey, and to accustom themselves to Depredations and Idleness; In order whereunto, We are resolved Graciously to Pardon, Indemnifie, and Restore all that have been in Arms against Us and Our Government, who shall take the Oath of Allegiance, prescribed by Our Act of Parliament, before the first day of January next. Therefore We, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, Do Indemnifie, Pardon, and Forgive all that have been in Arms against Us or Our Government, before the first day of June last, of all Treasons, Rebellions, Robberies, Depredations, Seditions, Leasing-making, hearing and not revealing of Treason; and generally, every thing that can be objected against any of the persons foresaid, for being in Arms or Rebellion, preceeding the date hereof: Restoring and Reponing, all and every one of the saids persons, who have been in Arms against Us, before the time foresaid, to their Lives, Estates, Dignities, Fame and Blood, als fully and freely, as if they had never been guilty, or had never been Condemned for the Crimes foresaid, and als fully and effectually, as if each of them had particular Remissions, containing a special enumeration of their Crimes, duly and orderly expedie under Our Great Seal for the same; upon this expresse Condition always, that the persons foresaid, who have been in Arms before the time foresaid, and shall plead and take the benefit of this Our Gracious Indemnity, Swear and Sign the Oath of Allegiance to Us by themselves, or the Sheriff Clerks subscribing for such as cannot write, and that before famous Witnesses, betwixt and the first day of January next to come, in presence of the Lords of Our Privy Council, or the Sheriff, or their Deputs of the respective Shires, where any of the saids persons live; Requiring hereby, and Commanding the saids Sheriffs, their Deputs and Clerks, before whom any shall Swear the said Oath of Allegiance, for the benefit of this Our Indemnity, to transmit to the Clerks of Our Privy Council, exact Lists of all persons by their ordinary Designations, who shall subscribe the said Oath in their presence, and take the benefit of Our said Indemnity, betwixt and the tenth day of the said Moneth of January next, as they will be answerable at their highest peril. And We with Advice foresaid, Do assure and Declare, all such persons who have been in Arms before the first of June last, and shall betwixt and the first of January next, take the benefit of this Our Gracious Indemnity, by Swearing and Signing, as said is, the said Oath of Allegiance to Us, that they shall be altogether free, safe, and secure from all manner of Punishment, Pains and Penalties, that can be inflicted upon them for open Rebellion, or any other of the Crimes above-specified, and that such as shall continue obstinate, and incorrigible, after this Gracious offer of Mercy, shall be punished as Traitors and Rebels, and otherways, to the utmost extremity of Law; And We, with Advice foresaid, Require and Command, all Judges and Ministers of our Law, to Interpret this present Indemnity in the most favourable and ample manner; Prohibiting and Discharging them to call in question any of the persons foresaid, who shall take the benefit hereof in manner abovementioned, for any of the Crimes above-written, in time coming. OUR WILL IS HEREOF, and We Charge you straitly and Command, that incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and to the remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs of this Our Antient Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make intimation of the Premises, as ye will answer to Us thereupon. And Ordains these Presents to be Printed, and Published in manner foresaid: The which to do, We commit to you, conjunctly and severally, as said is, Our full Power, by these Presents, delivering them by you, duly Execute, and indorted again to the bearer.

*Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the twenty seventh day of August, 1691. And of Our Reign the third Year.*

*Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.*

*Et in Supplementum Signeti,*

GILB. ELIOT, *Cls Secreti Concilii.*

**GOD save King William and Queen Mary.**